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1. PRIOR TO A.M. HRC MEETING MAR 7, US DEL INFORMED SOV DEL (KOLOSOVSKY) PURSUANT REF B THAT SOV REVISIONS OF OUR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SOV RES UNACCEPTABLE. KOLOSOVSKY REACTION WAS MODERATE. HE RECOGNIZED THAT LACK OF TIME PREVENTED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. HE SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO EXPLAIN TO THE HRC THE REASONING UNDERLYING THE SOV DRAFT RES. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION IN HIS STATEMENT OF ASSIGNING BLAME TO THE US OR ANY OTHER DEL FOR THE FAILURE TO FIND A COMMON TEXT.

2. AT THE A.M. HRC MEETING KOLOSOVSKY DELIVERED A 20- MINUTE STATEMENT DEFENDING THE USSR DRAFT RES. HE SAID THAT THE IDEAS IN THE DRAFT RES WERE IN HIS VIEW SELF-EVIDENT IN THAT THEY SIMPLY UNDERLINED BASIC IMPORTANCE TO THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS. HE RECALLED THE SUFFER-
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INGS OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE DURING WWII UNDER THE NAZI OCCUPATION

WHEN ALL HUMAN RIGHTS WERE TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT. KOLOSOVSKY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A DURABLE PEACE AS INDISPENSABLE FOR THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO SOCIAL PROGRESS AND OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE CRITICIZED THE UK AMENDMENTS AS EMBODYING A DIFFERENT APPROACH IN DEALING WITH THE LINKAGE BETWEEN PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. KOLOSOVSKY ENDED BY NOTING THAT THE RIGHT TO LIFE IN INT'L PEACE AND SECURITY HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN EXPRESSED IN SUCH CLEAR TERMS AS WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF THE USSR RES. HE DID NOT REFER TO US/USSR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON AMENDMENTS TO USSR RES.

3. AFTER UK REP HAD DEFENDED HIS AMENDMENTS THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED A LONG LIST OF SPEAKERS REMAINING TO BE HEARD. HE PLEADED FOR RESTRAINT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE TIME REMAINING FOR THE HRC AT ITS PRESENT SESSION WAS EXTREMELY LIMITED. AFTER THREE MORE SPEAKERS HAD BEEN HEARD THE REP OF TANZANIA MOVED UNDER RULE 45 OF THE HRC RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE ON THE ITEM. THE MOTION WAS SUPPORTED BY PANAMA; NO OBJECTION WAS VOICED AND THE CHAIRMAN THEREUPON RULED THE ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE.

4. COMMENT: IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION KOLOSOVSKY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE LIST THE HRC HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THINK ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF DETENTE, PEACE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THAT THE LARGE NUMBER OF DELS WHICH HAD EXPRESSED AN INTENTION TO SPEAK ON THIS SUBJECT PROVED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOVIET INITIATIVE. HE SAID THAT THE MATTER MUST BE FURTHER PURSUED BY THE USSR AND US GOVTS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT COMMON GROUND MIGHT BE FOUND FOR FURTHER INITIATIVES IN THIS FIELD.

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